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SUBJECT: CSCE: MINI- GROUP MEETINGS ON MILITARY ASPECTS OF
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1. SUMMARY. MILITARY SECURITY MINI- GROUP HAS PRODUCED
BRACKETED MANDATE PARAGRAPH ON CONFIDENCE- BUILDING
MEASURES AND WILL TAKE UP DISARMAMENT LANGUAGE APRIL 3.
SOVIETS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE CSCE- MBFR LINKAGE BUT HAVE
SIGNALLED WILLINGNESS CONSIDER MILDLY- WORDED LANGUAGE TO EFFECT
THAT POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY ARE SUPPLEMENTARY
AS WELL AS GENERAL LANGUAGE ON DISARMAMENT. SOVIETS
CONCEDE THAT STATES CANNOT BE PREVENTED FROM ADDRESSING
CONFERENCE ON SECURITY ISSUES THAT INTEREST THEM. END SUMMARY

2. MINI- GROUP MEETINGS MARCH 28 AND 30 ON MILITARY
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SECURITY MANDATE HAVE PRODUCED INITIAL BRACKETED PARAGRAPH ON CONFIDENCE- BUILDING MEASURES. MINI- GROUP WILL ALSO TAKE UP FOURTH (DISARMAMENT LANGUAGE) PARAGRAPH OF SWEDISH OUTLINE (HELSINKI 689) APRIL 3. EARLIER DISCUSSION OF PARAS ONE AND TWO OF SWEDISH OUTLINE (GENERAL PREMISE AND OBJECTIVE) PRODUCED NUMEROUS TEXTS AND REVEALED CONSIDERABLE DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS.

3. SOVIETS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE STRONGLY CSCE/ MBFR LINKAGE IN FORM OF LANGUAGE ADVANCING CLOSE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY (STILL PREFERRED BY NETHERLANDS, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, SWEDEN) ALTHOUGH THEY APPEAR WILLING TO ACCEPT SOME MORE AMBIGUOUS FORMULATION ENDORSING DISARMAMENT PER SE. SOVIETS ALSO OBJECT TO ANY REFERENCE TO MBFR PRINCIPLES AND TO ANY FORMAL INSTITUTIONAL LINK, EVEN FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, BETWEEN CSCE AND MBFR. ON DISARMAMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, SOVIETS AND GDR HAVE RESPONDED FAVORABLY, ALTHOUGH WITH SOME RESERVATIONS, TO FIRST SENTENCE OF RECENT AUSTRIAN TEXT WHICH READS, " THE COMMITTEE/ SUB- COMMITTEE SHALL GIVE EXPRESSION TO THE FACT THAT THE PARTICIPATING STATES INTEND TO PROMOTE DETENTE IN THE WORLD AND TO DEVELOP CO- OPERATION IN THE SOLVING OF QUESTIONS OF DISARMAMENT AND ARMAMENTS LIMITATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE EUROPEAN REGION. THEREFORE THE COMMITTEE SHALL BEAR IN MIND THE SUPPORT OF ALL PARTICIPATING STAGES FOR NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED IN APPROPRIATE FORA ON MEASURES DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT A DEGREE OF REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF CONFRONTATION IN EUROPE WITHIN A FRAMKEWORK OF CONTINUING EQUILIBRIUM." SOVIETS AND GDR HAVE OBJECTED TO SECOND SENTENCE, PARTICULARLY PHRASE " WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF CONTINUING EQUILIBRIUM." MENDELEVICH EXPLAINED THAT " INVENTING NEW TERMS" IN DISARMAMENT FIELD CAN BE " DANGEROUS."

5. THUS, WHILE CONTINUING TO RESIST ANY FORMAL MBFR- CSCE LINK AND ANY ADDITIONAL CBM' S SOVIETS HAVE HINTED REPEATEDLY THAT MILITARY SECURITY MANDATE COULD INCLUDE ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS. SOVIETS HAVE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NO MATTER HOW MANDATE FINALLY EMERGES, PARTICIPATING STATES CANNOT BE FORECLOSED FROM ADDRESSING CONFERENCE ON SECURITY ISSUES THAT INTEREST THEM.
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